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Part LII

**Federal Housing
Finance Board**

Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD (FHFB)**FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD
12 CFR Ch. IX****Agenda of Federal Regulatory and
Deregulatory Actions****AGENCY:** Federal Housing Finance Board.**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: The Federal Housing Finance Board (Finance Board) hereby publishes items for the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions, as required by section 4 of Executive Order 12866. These items reflect the status of the regulatory agenda of the Finance Board as of November 1, 1996. The Finance Board is an independent agency in the executive branch of the Government that is statutorily charged with supervising and regulating the Nation's Federal Home Loan Bank

(FHLBank) System and the Financing Corporation (FICO). The FHLBank System consists of: Twelve regional FHLBanks that are each owned by their member financial institutions and that provide wholesale credit to members and certain nonmembers to be used for mortgage lending and related activities and the Office of Finance (OF), which issues FHLBank System consolidated obligations. FICO is a corporate entity separate from the FHLBank System that oversees outstanding debt issued to assist in resolving the savings and loan crisis of the 1980s. The Finance Board has an ongoing need to adopt various regulations dealing with the Agency's internal administration and with FHLBank System and FICO issues.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For this edition of the Finance Board's regulatory agenda, the most important significant regulatory actions are included in The Regulatory Plan, which appears in Part II of this issue of the Federal Register. The Regulatory Plan entries are listed in the Table of Contents below and are denoted by a bracketed bold reference, which directs the reader to the appropriate Sequence Number in Part II.

Dated: September 20, 1996.

By the Federal Housing Finance Board.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD (FHFB)**Proposed Rule Stage****4578. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
PROGRAM**

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 163 in Part II of this issue of the Federal Register.

RIN: 3069-AA05**4579. ADVANCES TO NONMEMBER
MORTGAGEES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 12 USC 1422a(a)(3); 12 USC 1422b(a)(1); 12 USC 1430b

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 935**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Finance Board will publish a proposed rule amending its regulation on advances to nonmember mortgagees. The amended regulation would delegate to the FHLBanks the authority to approve applicants as nonmember mortgagees and would set forth guidelines to govern the application and approval process.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/20/93	58 FR 29474
NPRM	10/08/96	61 FR 52727
NPRM Comment Period End	12/09/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3069-AA27**4580. AFFORDABLE HOUSING
PROGRAM**

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 164 in Part II of this issue of the Federal Register.

RIN: 3069-AA28**4581. MODIFICATION OF COMMUNITY
SUPPORT REGULATION**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 12 USC 1422b; 12 USC 1430(g)

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 936**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Finance Board issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) requesting public comment to assist the Finance Board in amending its Community Support regulations to provide standards for the community support requirements for all members of the FHLBank System. The Finance Board will publish a notice of proposed rulemaking that incorporates input received pursuant to the ANPRM.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/02/93	58 FR 46469
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/31/93	58 FR 58305
NPRM	11/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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Proposed Rule Stage

4582. SELECTION AND COMPENSATION OF FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK EMPLOYEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 12 USC 1422a; 12 USC 1422b; 12 USC 1432(a)

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 932

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Finance Board is proposing to amend its regulations on Organization of the FHLBanks and the OF to transfer to the FHLBanks and the OF specific responsibilities for selection and compensation of their employees.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/16/96	61 FR 42570
NPRM Comment Period End	10/15/96	
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3069-AA42

4583. FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK DIVIDENDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or

duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 12 USC 1422a; 12 USC 1422b; 12 USC 1436

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 932

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Finance Board intends to publish a proposed rule amending its regulations to establish the standards and conditions under which the FHLBanks may pay dividends without prior Finance Board approval.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	04/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3069-AA46

4584. • FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 165 in Part II of this issue of the Federal Register.

RIN: 3069-AA50

4585. • FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK ADVANCES

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 12 USC 1422b; 12 USC 1429; 12 USC 1430; 12 USC 1430b

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 935

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Finance Board is considering amending its regulation on FHLBank advances to allow FHLBanks to accept, without limitation, appropriate mutual fund shares as collateral for advances and to address FHLBanks' issuance of letters of credit.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/96	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3069-AA53

4586. • APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK DIRECTORS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 12 USC 1422b(a); 12 USC 1427

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 932

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Finance Board is considering amending its regulation on the election and appointment of FHLBank directors to address procedural issues that have arisen since the adoption of the regulation and to update and streamline the election process.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/97	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD (FHFB)

Final Rule Stage

4587. • FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK ASSESSMENTS**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Major:** Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 1422b; 12 USC 1438(b)**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 902.2**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Finance Board is considering amending its regulation on assessments on the FHLBanks to tie such assessments to the fiscal year of the U.S. government, as opposed to the calendar year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/00/96	
Final Action Effective	01/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3069-AA51**4588. • BOOK ENTRY PROCEDURE FOR FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK SECURITIES****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Major:** Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 1422a; 12 USC 1422b; 12 USC 1431**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 912**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Finance Board will promulgate an interim final rule amending its regulation governing FHLBank book-entry securities to incorporate recent and significant changes in commercial law addressing the holding of securities in book-entry form through financial intermediaries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/00/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD (FHFB)

Completed Actions

4589. PRACTICE BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 1422b; 5 USC 504; 5 USC 554 to 557**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 914**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Finance Board considered adopting a regulation setting forth the rules for adjudicatory proceedings before the Finance Board, but decided against adopting such a regulation at this time.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	07/25/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3069-AA31**4590. MODIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF DEPOSITS IN BANKS OR TRUST COMPANIES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 12 USC 1422b; 12 USC 1431(g)**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 931.5**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Finance Board issued a final rule amending the definition of "deposits in banks or trust companies" in section 931.5 of its regulations in order to include sales of Federal funds to banks in the category of investments that are eligible to fulfill the FHLBanks' liquidity requirement contained in section 11(g) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/29/93	58 FR 50867
NPRM Comment Period End	11/29/93	
Final Action	08/02/96	61 FR 40311
Final Action Effective	09/03/96	

Small Entities Affected: None**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3069-AA33**4591. MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS****Priority:** Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 12 USC 1422a; 12 USC 1422b; 12 USC 1424; 12 USC 1426; 12 USC 1442**CFR Citation:** 12 CFR 933**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Finance Board amended its regulation on members of the FHLBanks to allow the 12 FHLBanks, rather than the Finance Board, to approve applications for FHLBank membership.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/27/95	60 FR 54958
NPRM Comment Period End	12/26/95	
Final Action	08/16/96	61 FR 42531
Final Action Effective	09/16/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

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Government Levels Affected: None

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4592. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM APPLICATION SUBSIDY LIMITS

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Legal Authority: 12 USC 1422a; 12
USC 1422b; 12 USC 1430(j)

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 960

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Finance Board is
amending its Affordable Housing
Program (AHP) Regulation to permit the
Federal Home Loan Banks to establish
uniform limits on the amount of AHP
subsidy available to Bank members
under a Bank's AHP.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/01/95	60 FR 55487
NPRM Comment Period End	12/18/95	
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Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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4593. FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK DIRECTORS FEES AND EXPENSES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This
rulemaking is part of the Reinventing
Government effort. It will revise text in
the CFR to reduce burden or
duplication, or streamline
requirements.

Legal Authority: 12 USC 1422b; 12
USC 1427

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 932.27; 12 CFR
941.7

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Finance Board published
a final rule promulgating a new
regulation governing fees and expenses
for FHLBank directors. The new
regulation replaces the existing Finance
Board policy on directors fees and
expenses and allows the FHLBanks
more freedom in developing policies on
payment of fees and expenses to their
board directors.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/22/96	61 FR 17603
NPRM Comment Period End	06/21/96	
Final Action	08/21/96	61 FR 43151
Final Action Effective	09/20/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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4594. • TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ADVANCES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 12 USC 1422b; 12
USC 1430

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 935.6

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Finance Board published
a final rule amending its regulation on
terms and conditions for advances. The
amended regulation requires a
FHLBank that wants to make putable
advances available to member
institutions to provide appropriate
disclosures and to offer replacement
advance funding if the FHLBank
terminates the putable advance prior to
its stated maturity date.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/02/96	61 FR 40364
NPRM Comment Period End	09/03/96	
Final Action	10/08/96	61 FR 52686
Final Action Effective	11/07/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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4595. • FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK BUDGETS

Priority: Other Significant. Major status
under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Reinventing Government: This
rulemaking is part of the Reinventing
Government effort. It will revise text in
the CFR to reduce burden or
duplication, or streamline
requirements.

Legal Authority: 12 USC 1422a; 12
USC 1422b; 12 USC 1442

CFR Citation: 12 CFR 934.6

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Finance Board published
a proposed rule to amend its regulation
governing approval of FHLBank
budgets by removing the requirement
that budgets be approved by the
Finance Board, and by establishing
specific requirements for the
FHLBanks' preparation and reporting of
both budget and other financial
information to the Finance Board.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/09/96	61 FR 41535
NPRM Comment Period End	09/09/96	
Final Action	10/30/96	61 FR 55877
Final Action Effective	11/29/96	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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